

Group seeks host homes for foreign exchange students

As a new school year approaches, families across the United States are opening their hearts and homes to foreign exchange students with the Academic Year in America (AYA) program.

Academic Year in America, which is sponsored by the not-for-profit American Institute For Foreign Study Foundation, has been bringing foreign students and American families together for the past 15 years. Students range in age from 15 to 18 years old and arrive from more than 25 countries with their own medical insurance and spending money. Through the program, American families share their customs and culture with exchange students from countries including Poland, Hungary, Germany, Brazil, Spain and The Netherlands. Several hundred students who are scheduled to arrive in the US this August are still in need of a host family.

If you and your family would like to open your heart and home to one of our eager international students, please call AYA Placing Regional Director Julie DeGroot at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5416. Your decision can make a world of difference in the life of a foreign exchange student.

Wilkes fund raises \$910,000

Wilkes University recently hosted a celebration for the more than 70 volunteers involved in the success of the University's Annual Fund Drive. This year's campaign, which raised a total of \$910,000, was chaired by Carl Postupak of Shavertown.

The annual fund represents about 30% of the more than \$3.312,000 raised at Wilkes during the 1995-96 fiscal year. The annual fund also successfully met a challenge from the George I. Alden Trust which pledged a \$20,000 grant if at least \$40,000 was raised in new alumni gifts to the annual fund. Wilkes alumni in fact contributed more than \$130,000 in new and increased gifts easily meeting the requirements of the challenge grant.

Willames earns MD degree

A former Back Mountain resident Lee D. Willames recently graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

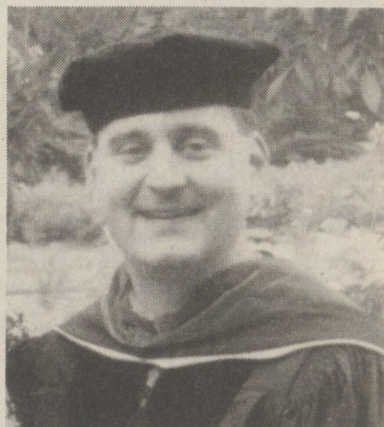
Dr. Willames, who is a U.S. Air Force officer, was also promoted to the rank of Captain in ceremonies this week.

He has been awarded a pediatric internship and residency at Keesler Air Force Base Hospital.

Capt. Lee D. Willames, M.D. is a graduate of Dallas High School and the University of Scranton. He attended Georgetown University School of Medicine on a full scholarship from the Air Force.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lee J. Willames, formerly of Trucksville, now of Houston, TX where Dr. Willames is vice president of the University of St. Thomas.

He and his wife, Lt. Julie Willames are the parents of a son



CAPT. LEE D. WILLAMES, M.D.

Colt Willames. His brother, David, is a sophomore at the University of St. Thomas, and his sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth and John Jamerlin are biology faculty member at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School, in Houston.



Wyoming Seminary Center for Talented Youth Finalists.

Front row, left to right: Timothy Polin, Dallas; Lindsey Klish, Glen Lyon; Jordan Koslosky, Shavertown; Eric Feinstein, Shavertown; George Shafer, Kingston; Douglas Mock, Clarks Summit; Neil Shah, Dallas. Second row: Ryan Riley, Shavertown; Christopher Boyle, Kingston; Hume Ross, Dallas; Benjamin Rogers, Trucksville; Leah Budin, Trucksville; Collyn Hinchey, Kingston; Emily Foran, Dallas; Kristen Yarmey, Forty Fort; Mrs. Jeanne Yarmey, assistant dean. Absent from photo: Leah Joseph, Wyoming; Michael McCartney, Harveys Lake.

Sem students recognized by Johns Hopkins

The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth has honored 17 Wyoming Seminary Lower School students for their outstanding verbal and/or mathematical abilities. The students' talents were discovered in CYT's annual Talent Search.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students who scored at or above the verbal or quantitative mean scores of eight- or ninth-grade students, respectively, on the PLUS Academic Abilities Assessment received certificates of merit.

Last fall, public and private schools in Pennsylvania identified more than 2,200 students who qualified for the Young Students Talent Search. Those students took the PLUS test in December and January; approximately 36 percent of those who took the test were honored recently for their outstanding performance on the PLUS test.

Thirty of Wyoming Seminary's fifth- and sixth-grade students qualified to take the PLUS test by scoring in the national top three percent. Of that group 10 students were honored for their out-

standing scores on the state level. The 10 who were recognized in ceremonies at Bucknell University are: Christopher Boyle, Kingston; Leah Budin, Trucksville; Eric Feinstein, Shavertown; Benjamin Rogers, Shavertown; Hume Ross, Dallas; Leah Joseph, Wyoming; Lindsey Klish, Glen Lyon; Jordan Koslosky, Shavertown; Douglas Mock, Clarks Summit; Timothy Polin, Shavertown; Ryan Riley, Shavertown; George Shafer, Kingston.

Seventh-grade students who scored well above the mean for high-school seniors on the College board's SAT I: Reasoning Test

also received certificates. More than 8,200 seventh-grade students in Pennsylvania qualified for the Talent Search; approximately 22 percent of those students who took the test were honored by CTY. Nineteen of 52 Wyoming Seminary seventh-graders scored in the 97th, 98th, and 99th percentiles, qualifying them to take the SATs. Five students were honored on the state level, scoring more than a total 1040 on the SATs: Emily Foran, Dallas; Collyn Hinchey, Kingston; Michael McCartney, Harveys Lake; Neil "Buddy" Shah, Dallas; Kristen Yarmey, Forty Fort.

Sem students excel in math meets

Wyoming Seminary students have excelled in recent mathematics competitions throughout the region.

In the competition sponsored by the Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Seminary students took honors in the Junior Class division. In a field of 78 contestants, David Choe of Dallas took second place; Michael Zalatio of Dallas, ninth place.

In a competition sponsored by the Penn State Newtonian Society, Sem students excelled in both team and individual competition. Shavertown resident Mike Hurwitz was a member of the first place team.

School will be open for new 7th-8th graders

Schedules and locker information will be mailed to all Lake-Lehman 7th grade students and any student new to the Middle Level Building on or about Aug. 16.

The school will be open for 7th graders and new 8th graders to come in and open their assigned lockers, locate rooms, etc., during the week of Aug. 19-23 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The school will also be open Aug. 22, from 7-9 p.m. The school counselor will be available during the above times to answer questions about schedules or make changes, if necessary.

Blaum named to Holy Cross dean's list

Mary Blaum, who completed her sophomore year in May at the College of Holy Cross, has been named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 1995-96 academic year. She is the daughter of Atty. and Mrs. James P. Blaum of Shavertown. She majors in classical studies.

Garveys won O'Reilly grand prize

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Garvey, Dallas are the winners of a 1996 Saturn SL, the grand prize of the annual drawing of the Bishop O'Reilly High School "Giving Calendar." The Kingston School's Blue and Gold Club sells the calendars as part of the school's fund raising activities.

Anyone interested in purchasing a 1996-97 Giving Calendar may contact Bishop O'Reilly at 288-1404.

Basic boating course at Harveys Lake

A PA Fish and Boat Commission basic boating course will be held at the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967, Rte. 415, Harveys Lake, Aug. 20 and 21, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Registration is required for the course. Space is limited. Interested parties should call 717-477-2996 for a reservation.

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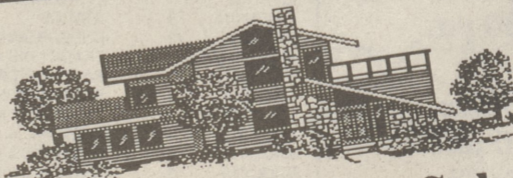
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